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WEEK COMMENCING 1 NOVEMBER - YEAR A
DIVINE OFFICE: *Week 3*

ALL SAINTS DAY (SOLEMNITY)

NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

As the weather grows colder and the leaves fall, and Christmas approaches, it is natural that our thoughts turn to those whom we have loved who are no longer with us. How appropriate, then, that the Catholic Church has dedicated November, which begins with **All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day**, as the Month in which to pray especially for the Holy Souls in Purgatory – those souls who have died in grace, yet who have failed in this life to make satisfaction for all of their sins.

What do Catholics believe: As Catholic Christians, *we believe* that the dead are not gone. Their bodies have died, but their souls live on forever. We believe that our deceased loved ones who died in God's love are a very real part of the Church. We, the Faithful, are divided into three parts: The **Church Militant**: the pilgrim Church on earth; The **Church Triumphant**: all who have died and gone straight to heaven (saints); The **Church Suffering**: those in Purgatory, for whom we are praying this month. Catholic teaching regarding prayers for the dead is bound up inseparably with the doctrine of Purgatory, and the more general doctrine of the Communion of Saints.

The Catholic teaching on Purgatory is sometimes misunderstood. It is not a second-chance for damned souls to repent. Instead it is a *state of cleansing and purification for souls destined for heaven*. Reverend William G Most, noted Catholic Theologian and contributor to EWTN tells us: *"There are three possible outcomes to the particular judgment. Those whose love for God has been perfected in this life are taken straight to heaven, where they enjoy endless happiness in the face to face vision of God. Those who die in God's love but still love Him imperfectly must be purified in the intermediate state of Purgatory. Those, however, who reject God's love by mortal sin and die without repenting are condemned to the everlasting torments of hell. The general judgment at the end of time simply solemnly confirms the particular judgments of each one, with the difference that then the body as well as the soul will receive what is due it. And all God's judgments will be revealed as most just."*

St Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians is probably be the most straightforward text in Sacred Scripture on the existence of Purgatory: *"Each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire"* (3:11-15).

The word Purgatory is related to the verb, **to purge**, which means to **cleanse or purify**. To put it in everyday terms, Purgatory is a place or state where one gets *"cleaned up"* before entering into the presence of Almighty loving God. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) puts it like this *"all who die in God's grace, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven"* (CCC1030). The Church has no official teaching or dogma as to the duration, place, and exact nature of this purification, although St Augustine and others have used fire as a way to explain the nature of the purification. Pope Benedict XVI, amongst others, believes Purgatory should be thought of as an "existential state" as opposed to an actual place (*see Benedict's Eschatology: Death and Eternal Life 230f*). It is outside time and space, so it is not accurate to speak of a location or duration of Purgatory.

An Ancient Practice: Old Testament times gives evidence that **prayers and alms** were offered for the souls of the dead, eg. In 2 *Maccabees 12:45* says *"they who had fallen asleep with godliness had great grace laid up for them"* and *"it is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins"*. This also shows an early belief in a 'time/place' of cleansing. Christians have been praying for their departed brothers and sisters since the earliest days of Christianity, to which early liturgies and inscriptions on catacomb walls attest. In the New Testament, St Paul prays for mercy for his departed friend Onesiphorus (2 *Timothy 1:18*). Early Christian writers Tertullian and St Cyprian testify to the regular practice of praying for the souls of the departed. In the early Church, names of the departed were placed on diptychs. In the **6th century** Benedictine communities held commemorations for the departed on the feast of Pentecost, and All Souls' Day eventually became a universal festival.

The Church has always taught us to pray for those who have gone into eternity. As Christians, we don't travel through this world alone. Our salvation is wrapped up with the salvation of others, and charity requires us to come to their aid. The same is true of the Holy Souls in Purgatory. They are no longer able to pray for, or merit anything for themselves: they rely entirely on others to pray for them and make sacrifices on their behalf, to help ease their suffering and advance them through their purification. Praying for the faithful departed is an act of charity and is pleasing to God. A Plenary or Partial Indulgence may be obtained for the Holy Souls under certain conditions.

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace, and rise in glory. Amen.

MASS TIMES WEEK COMMENCING 1 NOVEMBER 2020

ALL SAINTS DAY

SATURDAY VIGIL	31	5.30pm	St Edwards (<i>LIVE STREAM</i>)	
SUNDAY (<i>LIVE STREAM</i>)	1	9.30am 9.30am 11.30am	St Peter's *POLISH* St Joseph's St Peter's	<i>ALL SAINTS DAY</i> See printed copy for Mass intentions
Monday	2	7.15pm	St Peter's (<i>not a Holy Day</i>)	<i>ALL SOULS DAY</i>
Tuesday	3	12 noon 7pm	St Joseph's St Edward's (<i>Adoration 6.30pm</i>)	<i>St Martin de Porres / St Winefride</i>
Wednesday (<i>LIVE STREAM</i>)	4	10am	St Peter's (<i>Adoration 9.30am</i>)	<i>St Charles Borromeo</i>
Thursday	5	10am	St Joseph's (<i>Adoration 9.30am</i>)	
Friday (<i>LIVE STREAM</i>)	6	12 noon	St Peter's (<i>Adoration 9.30am</i>)	
Saturday (<i>LIVE STREAM</i>)	7	10am	St Peter's (<i>Adoration 9.30am</i>)	<i>St Willibrord</i>

SYRO MALABAR MASS Note – there will be **no Mass during the month of November** as the priest will be in India

CONFESSIONS: St Peter's Sat 10.30-11am at Sacred Heart altar; St Joseph's Sun 9am; St Edward's Sat 5pm
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT/PRIVATE PRAYER 30 minutes before each weekday Mass at the 3 churches

STREAMED MASSES IN OUR DIOCESE: <https://middlesbrough-diocese.org.uk/streamed-masses-in-our-diocese-2/>
SIGNED MASS for the Deaf: 10.30am Sundays from Cardiff www.sphilpevans.co.uk/f.k/signed-mass and **6pm Saturday Vigil** - from Potters Bar: churchservices.tv/pottersbar

READINGS AT MASS & Daily Prayer of the Church: QR Links are available on our website & in church porches
POPE'S NOVEMBER PRAYER INT: ... *that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.*
OUR LADY'S SHRINE at St Peter's church car park is **open every day** to light a **free candle**

† **ANNIVS:** Nichola Littlewood, Molly Wilkins, Eliza Dofitas, Antony Alonzi, Harry Hoggarth, Patricia Derry, Manuel Sr Viginia Margallo Bebie, Joseph Lucka, Flo Grindley † **RECENTLY DEAD:** Ron O'Brien.

MASSES RECEIVED FROM: see printed copy

MASS COUNT last weekend: Sat 5.30pm **28**; Sun 9.30am **54**; Polish **49**; Sun 11.30am **85**; Total **216**

OFFERINGS: Loose plate **£290**; Gift Aid Envelopes **£323**; av. weekly Standing Orders **£614**; Polish **£30**; total **£1,257**. **Thank you**

PLANNED GIVING To sign up for *Offertory Envelope or Standing Order giving*, contact the Parish office.

FUNERAL MASS of Ron O'Brien: 12 noon on Tuesday 3 November at St Joseph's Church. Our sympathies to Phyllis his wife and Kate his daughter. Contact Pam or Peter Grundy Tel **01723 369695** or **leave them a message** if you wish to attend the Requiem Mass.

ST EDWARD'S SATURDAY VIGIL 5.30PM MASS It is still **necessary to book by phone only** on Fridays between **11am & 3pm only**.

ST PETER'S FRIDAY MASS will be at **12 noon** (instead of the usual time of 10am). This is to help ease the congestion at weekend Masses.

BLESSING OF GRAVES & ROSARY 3.15pm this **Sunday 1 November** at Woodlands Cemetery (Meet at the Entrance).

NOVEMBER, MONTH OF HOLY SOULS A Mass will be offered each day during November, when possible, for the Holy Souls, except when an anniversary Mass takes precedence. **NOVEMBER DEAD LIST Envelopes & Lists** available. Write **names on sheet**, put in envelope with your donation, & return via the collection plate or St Peter's letter box.

POPPY BOXES AND POPPIES at the back of each church. Donations welcome as there will be no street collections this year.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY is next **Sunday 8 November**. There will be a service after Mass at the War Memorial in St Peter's car park (*please observe social distancing*). **NOTE the car park will be closed to cars.**

HOLY SHOP CHRISTMAS CARDS & GIFTS on sale at *St Joseph's & St Peter's. Open after Mass. ***Strictly 1 in 1 and 1 out.**

GREEN PASTURES AND BROWN BLAZERS Book about being a pupil at Queen Street Convent on sale in the porch **£10**.

POLITE NOTICE Please **move along the bench** and provide space for those who come later. Please also comply with the Stewards instructions at Masses. They are trying to protect us.

ST PETER'S READERS ROTAS This will now be available from the Sacristy next **Sunday 8 Nov.**

PLEASE BE MINDFUL of Coronavirus restrictions – **HANDS, FACE, SPACE** applies to **all parishioners, stewards, servers and ministers**. • **Maintain 2 metre (6 feet) safe distancing at all times**
 • **sanitise hands on Entry and Exit** • **wear a face covering** (visor or mask), and do not remove it for **any reason** (note - face coverings are mandatory by law, with limited exceptions – see government website). We have a duty and responsibility to ourselves and each other. Any queries - please ask.

LIVESTREAMING is a valuable service for the housebound & those shielding. It is not a 'replacement' for attendance at Mass. If you wish to **not** to be seen as you come for Holy Communion or as a Reader or Eucharistic Minister you need to let us know (Data Protection and Privacy Law demands that we follow this guidance).

